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2 MS. VIERECK: My name is Jennifer Viereck,
3 and I know everybody's been in this room for a really
4 long time, but as I'm listening to all these things,
5 there's just a couple of things that have come to mind,
6 and I'd like to share them.

7 One is that a document that I've reached to
8 now for nearly 20 years of nuclear information work was
9 an AEC document from 1951. AEC preceded the DOE. And
10 in that document, the people of this area, and the
11 people downwind, which were predominantly east of here,
12 were referred to as a low-use segment of society.
13 That's a government document, you can look it up.

14 In that regard, not much has changed. I
15 think that we have better PR people working for our
16 government now. And we got some better spin doctors,
17 so now we are human dose receptors. But here in my
18 heart, it feels real similar. And I just wanted to
19 share that with you.

20 The other thing is that as we listened to all
21 this talk about transportation tonight, one thing that
22 comes to mind that I would advise each and every one of
23 you to read is the June and July, I believe 1999 issue

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24 of The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, in which Robert
25 Alvarez, who is a Senior Policy Adviser in the DOE, to
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1 Secretary Richardson at that time, discusses
2 transportation of nuclear materials, and it's
3 horrifying. It is horrifying. And we're talking about
4 in that instance, nuclear weapons.
5 We're talking about stuff designed to blow
6 up, stuff that people have a great deal more respect
7 for than nuclear waste. When you call it nuclear
8 waste, all of a sudden you get into this whole
9 psychological field of, you know, it's garbage and
10 everybody can be against it, but nuclear weapons, you
11 get this patriotic fervor going on, and the people, the
12 men who drove our nuclear weapons around this country
13 had radiation equipment in their vehicles, but they
14 were only supposed to use it in the case of a severe
15 accident or terrorist attack or something like that.

16 One of the drivers that Mr. Alvarez refers to
17 had a baby daughter, who at the age of 3 months, had
18 three different kinds of brain tumors. Well, the
19 family found this somewhat alarming. And they went to
20 their doctor, and this truck driver had himself checked

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21 out, and lo and behold, his body was full of radiation.
22 So he went to his boss, the DOE, and he said, could I
23 please use my radiation alert equipment to monitor my
24 truck on a routine basis? Somehow this stuff's getting
25 in my body. Guess what the answer was. Hell no.

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1 A number of drivers became extremely alarmed.
2 This went back and forth. There was court cases.
3 There was discussions over looking into it further,
4 over how this was going to be handled. Eventually,
5 something got leaked to the press. As it should have.
6 People need to know this stuff.

7 Every single one of those drivers, ladies and
8 gentlemen, was fired. Because of a security breach in
9 leaking that information. And further down the road,
10 when there was a court case insisting that they be
11 given back their jobs, at the time of writing that
12 article, it hadn't happened yet, and I believe, it's
13 been a while since I read it, but I believe it had been
14 over 18 months. So when we talk about transportation,
15 let's remember the real story. Thank you very much.